

Appendix T: Wild and Scenic River Suitability Report

Introduction

The BLM's Kremmling Field Office (KFO) and Colorado River Valley Field Office [CRVFO, formerly the Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO)] completed the eligibility phase of a Wild and Scenic River (WSR) evaluation in March 2007, as part of the planning process for the combined Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, by publishing The Draft Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Report. During the eligibility phase, the BLM examined river and stream segments within the boundaries of the KFO and the CRVFO, to identify those segments that either pass through, or that are bordered by, BLM-managed public lands. The criteria are used to determine whether a stream segment on BLM lands is in "free-flowing condition" and whether it possesses "outstandingly remarkable values," as defined by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and BLM Manual 6400. Once identified, standard criteria were applied to determine the eligibility of each segment. The WSR Eligibility Report describes, for both Field Offices, the eligibility process, including the criteria used to identify outstandingly remarkable values, the criteria used to determine preliminary classification (level of development) of each stream segment, and final eligibility determinations. The Final WSR Eligibility Report, published in March 2007, is available, in its entirety, at:

http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/land_use_planning/rmp/kfo-gsfo/documents/rmp_revision_docs.html

The Draft Wild and Scenic River Suitability Report on the KFO and CRVFO's eligible segments was published in April 2011. (Note: Due to a printing error, some copies of the report may be titled "Final Wild and Scenic River Suitability Report.") The Draft Suitability report includes suitability assessments for two segments of the Colorado River and two segments of Deep Creek, all on the White River National Forest. Those segments were determined in 2002 to meet eligibility criteria, and have been studied to determine if they would be appropriate additions to the National Wild and Scenic River System. The Forest Service study of suitability was conducted in conjunction with the BLM study. The Draft Wild and Scenic River Suitability Report is available in its entirety at:

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The Final Wild and Scenic River Suitability Report has been published as a separate document, to supplement the KFO's and the CRVFO's Proposed Resource Management Plans/Final Environmental Impact Statements. The Final Suitability Report is available on the KFO website at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo.html>, or at the CRVFO website at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo.html>. It is also included on the CD version of the KFO PRMP/FEIS. A very limited number of hard copies of the Final Suitability Report have been printed. For availability of hard copies check with:

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